

**EAST WINDSOR BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**EAST WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**September 27, 2017**  
**EAST WINDSOR HIGH SCHOOL – Room N4**

**I. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER**

Chair C. Simonelli called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

Chair C. Simonelli led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. Attendance**

Chair C. Simonelli, Vice Chair Dr. G. Michna, Secretary R. Reichle, K. Bilodeau, N. DeSousa, S. Morgan, D. Swaim, K. Carey-Trull, W. Raber, Dr. C. DeBarge

Also present: Dr. P. Tudryn, H. Banas, A. Paquette, BOS Liaison D. Nelson, community members

**IV. Added Agenda Items**

None

**V. Minutes**

On a motion by Dr. G. Michna, 2<sup>nd</sup> by N. DeSousa, the Board approved the Sept. 13, 2017 special meeting executive session minutes. The vote was unanimous.

On a motion by N. DeSousa, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dr. G. Michna, the Board approved the Sept. 13, 2017 regular meeting minutes. The vote was unanimous.

**VI. Public Participation**

None

## **VII. Personnel Report**

The Board reviewed the current report provided in their packet.

## **VIII. Financial Report**

- A. Paquette provided a summary of the current report provided to the Board. The administration is still waiting for state budget approval.

## **IX. Unfinished business**

None

## **X. Unfinished Business: Discussion**

No update was provided on the Broad Brook Elementary School Modular Project, Alliance Capital Grant I & II.

The FY18 budget was discussed with the Financial Report.

## **XI. New Business: Vote**

1. Updates:

5131 Conduct and Discipline

5131.6 Controlled Drugs and Alcohol

2. Eliminations:

- a. 5114 Removal, Suspension and Expulsion
- b. 5131.2 Assault
- c. 5131.7 Weapons and Dangerous Instruments
- d. 5131.8 Out of School Suspension
- e. 5131.61 Inhalant Abuse
- f. 5131.91 Hazing
- g. 5145.12 Search and Seizure
- h. 5145.124 Breathalyzer

On a motion by N. DeSousa, 2<sup>nd</sup> by K. Bilodeau, the Board voted to waive first reading of the policies and updates listed and eliminate duplications. The vote was unanimous.

3. New:

5145.53 Gender Identity and Expression (First reading)

On a motion by W. Raber, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Swaim, to approve the policy.

On a motion by N. DeSousa, 2<sup>nd</sup> by K. Bilodeau, the Board voted to waive the first reading of the policy.

K. Bilodeau read a statement into the record.

The Board voted on the original motion – D. Swaim, N. DeSousa, K. Carey-Trull, G. Michna, W. Raber and R. Riechle voted in favor, S. Morgan opposed, K. Bilodeau and C. Simonelli abstained, motion passed 6-1-2.

## **XII. New Business: Discussion**

K. Bilodeau said she was asked about building utilization by a resident.

Dr. DeBarge reported Broad Brook School and East Windsor Middle School are fully utilized. In the East Windsor High School there are five rooms in use that could be used in different ways.

## **XIII. Liaison reports**

None

## **XIV. Public Comment**

Dale Nelson, 51 Omelia Road, asked about the status of the East Windsor Youth Services Bureau. Dr. DeBarge said the issue is on hold pending the state budget approval.

## **XV. Miscellaneous**

Dr. G. Michna voiced concerns about public access to school buildings during the recent town meeting held at Broad Brook School. Dr. DeBarge will speak with First Selectman R. Maynard.

Dr. G. Michna said he would like to see sign about the modular project at BBES more prominently displayed, perhaps as a wall plaque.

N. DeSousa inquired about recycling in the schools, Dr. DeBarge will follow up with administration.

D. Swaim asked if there were new rules at the middle school concerning bathroom use or

high fiving in the hallways. Dr. DeBarge said there is still a bathroom monitor outside the bathrooms, but that bathroom use is not and should not be limited for students and recommended D. Swaim speak with K. Hellerich.

H. Banas provided an update on science curriculum, working with building administrators and teachers to update Next Generation Science Standards, and researching implementation of Standards Based Report Cards and homework policies.

Dr. DeBarge informed the Board C. Bava will start on Oct. 19 as East Windsor Middle School assistant principal.

Dr. DeBarge shared the recent open houses at the middle school and high school went well. A safety and security PowerPoint presentation was shown at the Open Houses and at kindergarten orientation.

John Jette reported that \$120 was raised at Community Day by the Dunk a Teacher booth.

#### **XVI. Correspondence**

Calendars of Events for September/October.

#### **XVII. Adjournment**

On a motion by N. DeSousa, 2<sup>nd</sup> by S. Morgan, the Board voted to adjourn at 8:38 p.m. The vote was unanimous.